

ANNUAL FUND



11 FOR 11!

**General Meeting
October 2, 2020
Meeting MINUTES**

Meeting began at 9:15 AM

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Welcome to all new families, welcome back to all returning families, Thanks to everyone for patience while working through the 3 "First Day" of school. Thanks for getting kids logged on, bringing in Health screenings. All staff offer support and partnership. It's been a mountain, things are changing every day. We're in a good place because everyone is working well together.
- Most of the work is focused on developing and reflecting on REMOTE teaching, remote teaching is still new. Live teaching is no problem. Will move to an assessment period in the middle of the month. Every 6 weeks.
- Understand Teacher Assessments are not tests. Do not be tempted to "help". Teachers need an accurate assessment so they can plan strategically how to help them.
- Part of the assessment plan includes professional development to improve remote teaching. There will be asynchronous instructions on Professional development days for about 8 days, using Teachers College Reading assessment Project.
- There will be Asynchronous lessons during assessment in about two weeks so the teachers can do one on one session with each child.
- Making sure that physical building is as safe as possible. Emergency Protocol exercises start next week. Evacuation drills, Soft Lock down drills. Some modifications due to social distancing requirements, will not move children into a corner, but will have children put their heads down on their desks. Teachers will make it age appropriate.
- Bus drills for children will start early next week.
- It has been amazing week, smiles through masks, patience and gratitude, and made it all worth it

Parent Coordinator's Report - Stephen McGill

- Intro- working remotely, any issues or questions please send to him smcgill3@schools.nyc.gov
- Encourages everyone to return registration documents. If they were received in an email, please return as soon as possible.
- Please register for the Ryan Center - school based clinic that operates in the school exclusive for the children at PS11 - part of their funding depends on 100% participation



SLT Report - Jordan Wright

- Intro- Current Chair of SLT - Small group of parents, teachers and Bob meet monthly Tuesday afternoons
- Comprehensive education plan - setting goals, objectives and strategies for the following years.
- Meet benchmarks, community voice, sounding board for the SLT, thinking through decisions being made, extra curricular things, ID badges.
- Ideas for initiatives comes through the SLT
- Elected positions - openings for 3 parents for this year. Will be done in the next meeting - there will be an election. If you have questions. SLT email address ps11slt@gmail.com
- SLT represents all families not just our own, gather information from the larger community, has the ear of administration/principals/families.
- One initiative worked on last year - District sent out Integration Plan draft, comments were sent back to team with concerns/suggestions.
- By-Laws only allow 2 absences.
- Can nominate yourself from the "Box" on the next meeting during elections for SLT member

President's Report - Jackie Paolone (ps11ptapresident@gmail.com)

- Feedback has been positive on Back to School, many smiles through masks
- Thank you to Mr. Bender and all staff creating some joy in very uncertain times for the kids
- Busy summer - accomplished a lot this summer
- 10 new air conditioning units funded for the school
 - PC Richards CEO responded immediately and gave us a very large discount - instead of 25K, charged 15K, delivered free of charge. All units in the school are High Grade units with fresh air intake. Thank you for all the donations to the PTA
- Reach out efforts to the community outside of PS11 - everyone has a lot going on with a lot of hardship in this community. Will shift gears, spend time forming relationships with corporations and high net worth individuals interested in helping.
- Wish list to get 150 devices bought for the school - including 90 laptops and 40 Ipads. Combination of numbers to school, school was wiped out of all devices since they were distributed to families. DOE is not supporting devices for new families. 50K need to purchase 150 devices. Juliet Hernandez, current VP of fundraising, together with other members of the team, secured 50K to buy the devices from outside donors - corporations or individuals in the community. Most of the corporations wanted to be Anonymous. One of the individuals was a product of the NYC PS system with kids in the system, he reached out to Bob and gave a significant amount of money to cover many of the costs.
- Secured 15K to cover all the third party websites that the teachers use, Zearn, Mystery Science, and Screen Castify,
- Columbia Teachers College Professional Development for teachers and their content, has also been paid for by the outside community.



- Help for Debbie in the Afterschool Program - crucial for families who don't have other options for childcare.
 - Juliet reached out to IAC to Barry Diller, a prominent individual who developed the High Line - his team responded, and they donated their lobby, an architectural gem of NYC and welcomed Debbie for the Learning Lab - Place for kids to go during the day for their remote days. Mr. Diller personally checks on them frequently. There are spots available. Half of seats reserved for children that qualify for free or reduced lunch.
- Budget - passed placeholder budget to get through the summer. Normally we have a budget for the year, we lock it in but we are currently revamping it. Any changes in the budget gets voted on by parents. After the meeting, the executive Board in place - will finalize the budget to present to PTA at the next meeting to be voted on for the rest of the school year. Open to suggestions, requests, anything that kids might need that is different than what they normally need.

Budget Report - Monica Chun & Sarah Kim (ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com)

- Monthly Financials were reviewed.
- Interim Budget passed in June as mentioned..
- We provide support for school, enrichment opportunities, admin support, afterschool scholarships.
- Actual spent - large donations received for specific purpose
\$53,500 from other sources - directed to purchase online learning programs
- School administration, class/school supplies, online learning programs A/C units

Elections - Jordan Wright & Rachel Schwartz

Intro by Jackie - Normally a nominating committee presents slate they recommend for the EB in May, then gets voted on in June. Also people are welcome to run against the slate from the floor. Expedited election being done instead, all nominations are taken from the floor, there is no slate. Jordan and Rachel are Non-elected members of the PTA and will run the elections.

Your name needs to be the name of the voting person, who has to be verified as a parent of a current child. Self nominations as pairs, Motion to Vote, then Voting online

The following members all nominated themselves and their running-mate.

None of the positions were contested so motions were made and zoom polls were taken for all in favor. There were no votes against these candidates.

- Co-President
 - Lisa Cox
 - Jackie Paolone
- Member at Large
 - Steven Ioannou
 - Elliott Horner



- Co-VP of Membership
 - Amy Vezzetti
 - Jessica Zabarkus
 - Jen Dickson
- Co-VP of Fundraising
 - Juliet Hernandez-Eli
 - Tess Knoebel-Peterfreund
- Co-VP of Programs
 - Domenica Mastroianni
 - Mori Nimomiya
- Co-VP of Events
 - Lucy Flint
 - Leslie Sloane
- Co-VP of Communications
 - Julie Carpenter
 - Pia Padukone
- Co-Recording Secretary
 - Emily Ro
 - Michi Yanagishita
- Co-Treasurer
 - Monica Chun
 - Sarah Kim
- Co-Asst Treasurer
 - Shonali Gupta
 - Kuntal Joshi

Fundraising Report - Juliet Hernandez (ps11annualfund@gmail.com)

- Kicking off Fundraising efforts
- Most funds come from the PS11 Families, still doing Annual Fund -
 - link <https://ps11pta.givingfuel.com/annual-fund>
- Also planning “fun” raisers, stay tuned for updates.

Programs Report - Mori Ninomiya (ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com)

- Chess
 - Dawn Jasper - rolling admissions, virtual, working on options, scholarships are available, no child will be turned away
 - Team is nationally ranked - top in the country
- LEGO Robotics - PS11.Lego.Robotics@gmail.com
 - October 7 first session, great virtual program 11 sessions long, includes K to 5
 - They are still looking for teammates
 - Cost \$350, includes Lego/Robotic sets, anybody looking for scholarships or partial scholarships
 - Need more people to help out.



Communications Report - Pia Padukone (ptaps11@gmail.com)

- Social Media - spread the word - please send images to post.
- How to send communications - survey on how to get information, stay tuned for a survey and please take survey, so they can understand how best send out information, ie. "Backpack calendars" which is no longer an option for many kids.
- School days off/PTC's, will get more creative on how to distribute that information.

New Business:

- Masks/Yeti Bottles and hand sanitizers to be sold. Stay tuned.

Adjournment at 10:59AM

Next meeting to be end of October for Budget/SLT elections